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\$400,000 Needed to Complete the Parade Memorial at Grede Park

WAUKESHA, Wis. - The community is only \$400,000 away from completing the fundraising for the Parade Memorial at Grede Park. Over one million dollars in funding has already been secured. The City needs to reach the fundraising goal in the coming months in order for the Memorial to be completed by November 21, 2024, the third anniversary of the tragedy.

“The Parade Memorial at Grede Park will be an everlasting symbol of our community’s support for all victims and survivors of the parade tragedy” said Mayor Shawn Reilly. “I’m asking everyone in our community to consider a donation to help make this Memorial a reality.”

As planned by the Parade Memorial Commission, a smaller monument was dedicated on Main Street in Waukesha on November 21, 2023, the second anniversary of the tragedy. The Main Street Memorial was placed near the location of the tragedy.

The larger memorial planned for Grede Park will offer more space for reflection, healing, and remembrance. The Parade Memorial at Grede park is planned to include benches, a tile wall made up of tiles created by the community, plaques for each of deceased victims, as well as sculptures.

Donations for the parade memorial can be made online: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/residents/waukesha-parade-memorial.php>. In addition to monetary donations, the City is looking for contractors who would be willing to work on the project with in-kind donations of labor or materials. There are opportunities available in the areas of concrete sidewalks, stairs, retaining walls, decorative metal railings, electrical, earthwork, brick pavers, landscaping and site utilities. Any interested contractors are asked to contact Rebecca Pederson (rpederson@waukesha-wi.gov or 262-524-3906)



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